

SENATE BILL 3096
By Jordan

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-15-202, relative to the development and availability of materials necessary to satisfy the informed consent requirements for an abortion.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-15-202, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection (i):

(i) In order to ensure that physicians are in compliance with the requirements of subsections (b) and (c), the department of health shall develop materials to be provided to attending physicians for use by such physician's compliance with the informed consent requirements of law. Such materials shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) The particular medical risks associated with the particular abortion procedure to be employed including, when medically accurate, the risks of infection, hemorrhage, breast cancer, danger to subsequent pregnancies, and infertility; as well as the possible detrimental psychological effects of abortion;

(2) Fetal growth and development materials and photographs designed in a brochure format to inform the female of the probable anatomical and physiological characteristics of the unborn child at two (2) week gestational increments from the time when a female can be known to be pregnant to full term, provided that any such photographs or drawings must contain the dimensions of the fetus and must be realistic and appropriate for the stage of pregnancy depicted. The materials shall be objective, non-judgmental, and

designed to convey only accurate scientific information about the unborn child at the various gestational stages.

(3) A geographical listing of agencies and services available to assist a woman during her pregnancy and after the birth of her child in accordance with the provisions of subdivision (b)(5); and that the father of the child is legally responsible to assist in the support of her child.

SECTION 2. For purposes of developing such materials and establishing a mechanism for making such materials available to physicians in accordance with the provisions of this act, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect July 1, 1996, the public welfare requiring it.

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